- 165 Laproscopic Training Centres and 16 Centres of Excellence, to provide training to Medical Officers in Sterilization, are in operation. Out of this, 16 Laproscopic training centres and one Centre of Excellence are functioning in the State of Orissa.

1354 doctors have been trained in No Scalpel Vasectomy technique at 463 training camps throughout the country since 1998 to December, 2002. Of these, 35 doctors are from Orissa.

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*307. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI LALU PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of 46770 I.E.Ms. (Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda) signed during the post liberalisation period, only 138 have been filed for Bihar which accounts for 0.30 per cent of the national figure.

(b) whether it is a fact that the corresponding figure for Maharashtra stands at 20.38 per cent, for Gujarat 12.81 per cent, for Tamil Nadu 8.59 per cent and for Uttar Pradesh 8.84 per cent;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to correct this imbalance in order to ensure equitable economic growth throughout the country; and

(d) if so, how and by when?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the figures quoted are for the period August 1991 to October 2002. The trend broadly continues till June 2003.

(c) and (d) Locational decision to set up industry depends on the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur which, in turn, depends upon various factors including availability of necessary resources & infrastructure facilities, and investment climate.

The State Governments have a major role in promoting industrial development in their respective states. The Government of India through policy and programme interventions strives to create an enabling environment for industrial development.